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MAGNIFICENT RECEPTION.

Last Monday night was the occasion for a splendid social gathering at the Spruce Street Baptist Church. This occasion was the tendering of a reception to the Rev. T. J. Townsend, pastor-elect of the Spruce Street Baptist Church, and his wife. Splendid preparation had been made for the occasion, and everybody had looked forward to a joyful time. The program did not begin until about 9:30 o'clock. A large number of invited guests, enthusiastic members and sympathizing friends filed into the spacious auditorium and awaited with anxiety the beginning of the proceedings. The minister was a little bit late in arriving, because his trunk had miscarried on its passage from his home to this city.

At the hour above named, the congregation was called to order, the choir sang a beautiful anthem, entitled "Glory to Israel's God;" the 28th Chapter of Matthew was read, and Rev. T. N. Lewis offered prayer. The choir rendered another beautiful anthem, after which the reception committee composed of Messrs. E. Theo. Brown and T. B. Loooper, and Mesdames M. S. Strong and Edward Moore, escorted the minister and his wife from the door to the platform. Dr. A. M. Townsend, the organist, played a beautiful march for the occasion.

The minister and his wife were met at the altar by Rev. E. W. D. Isaac, where they were given a formal handshake and seated upon the platform just in front of the pulpit within easy view of the speakers. A welcome on behalf of the ministers was then offered by the master of ceremonies, which was subsequently supplemented by a happy speech of the same kind from Rev. W. S. Ellington, pastor of the First Baptist Church. Attorney J. W. Grant in an appropriate speech extended a welcome on behalf of the legal fraternity of the city. Dr. A. M. Townsend, in very humorous and elegant style, extended a very cordial welcome to the new minister on behalf half of the physicians of the city. Hon. J. C. Napier delivered an appropriate, timely and pleasing address of welcome, on behalf of the business men of the city. Mr. J. Thomas Turner read a very striking and pleasing poem, in which he extended a pleasing welcome to the incoming minister. Deacon W. M. Kelley extended a welcome on behalf of the Spruce Street Baptist Church, and the deacon fraternity of the city.

The new minister then made a happy response to the addresses of welcome, advising that he was very much encouraged by the manner in which this hearty welcome was given, and pledging himself to do his very best to live up to the commendations that had been given him by the various speakers of the evening.

The vast audience then retired to the basement which was decorated in the most beautiful and artistic manner. Excellent course were served by the committee in charge.

LADIES' AUXILIARY.

The Ladies' Auxiliary to the Drivers' Mutual Aid Association have the following sick members:

Mrs. Leola Woods, 904 Pearl street.
Mrs. Bettie Allen, 310 Eighth avenue, North.

Mrs. Maria Burns, 920 Tenth avenue, South.

Mrs. Fannie Burrus, corner McGavock and Vaulxhall streets.

Mrs. Fannie Boyd, 114 Sixth avenue, South.

Mrs. Tabitha Winstead, Division and Eighth avenue, South.

Mrs. Nellie Powell, Maple street.
All members are requested to visit these sick members.

JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION NOTES.

W. G. Smith, artistic painter and interior decorator, of Cleveland, Ohio, will have an interesting exhibit of designs made especially for this occasion. He has had twenty years of active experience, and stands high in his calling—one in which few men of the race are engaged. He has had charge of the interior decoration of many public auditoriums and private dwellings in different sections of the country, and his work is eminently satisfactory. The embellishment of the St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Chicago and the beautiful decorations in the home of the late Senator M. A. Hanna in Cleveland, are samples of what he can do in this line. At Jamestown Mr. Smith will have two artistic ceiling designs, two types of mural decoration, and five panels, showing five different grainings of wood used in making up the decoration scheme in buildings of various kinds.

Mrs. D. A. C. Jones, of Washington D. C., an energetic business woman who entered the hotel business twenty years ago with fifty cents and has now amassed a fortune of over \$70,000, is collecting an unique exhibit, and will give much of her time to the work of making the Negro department a success.

In 1776, when the Colonial Army under General George Washington moved forward to overtake the British under General Gates, a gun of curious make was left at the camp, which happened to be on the outskirts of a farm owned by a colored man, John Lewis, by name. This gun, which has been preserved in the family of John Lewis, as a sacred heirloom, has been kindly loaned to the Negro Exhibit, and will be found in the Negro Building at Jamestown.

Scores of relics of the Revolutionary and Civil Wars, related to incidents in which Negroes have had a part will be among the striking exhibits in the Negro Building at Jamestown.

The field agents are asking prominent citizens of the various States to co-operate with them in the work of collecting exhibits, and are meeting with favorable responses at the hands of the substantial people everywhere.

LINEN SHOWER.

Last Thursday evening, March 14, a number of young ladies assembled at the home of Mrs. Lula J. Landers, of Harding street, to give to Miss Mayme K. Clemmons a linen shower. The guests began to arrive as early as 6:30 and were received by Mrs. Landers and her daughter, Miss Mary. The ladies, for there were to be no gents present, enjoyed games and music a short while when the honoree was called into the dining room and the linen was all suddenly showered upon her by those present. Miss Clemmons, who was so surprised, could hardly find words in which to return thanks, which she finally did in a happy little speech. Toasts were then given by all during a course of ices and cake which was served. Those who participated in the shower, which consisted of some handsome presents, were Misses Mary C. Clark, Ruth P. McKinney, Belma Mahan, J. Dewitt Shorter, Nellie E. King, Ethel H. Spence, Reba Lathan, Emma Shorter, Willie Andrews, Nannie Bell Sumner, Georgia Bradford, Charley Rosenberg, Estella Montague, Antionette Freeman, Daisy Moores and Bessie Martin. The jolly party, chaperoned by Mrs. I. E. Alsop, left for their homes at an early hour.

A DELIGHTFUL SMOKER.

Mr. Eugene T. Page was the host of a smoker at his home last Saturday evening in honor of Messrs. J. Blaine Boyd, Oscar Wilson and Haven Moores. For Mr. Boyd it proved to be one of the handsomest pre-nuptials that had been given since the announcement of his marriage.

The guest list included a dozen young men drawn from the unmarried set. The guests began to arrive at 8 o'clock and from then until a late hour in the night a round of laughter was enjoyed as the games and conversations progressed.

The young men were seated at small tables for the games, and the same were used for serving, a tempting menu of two courses having been prepared by the host. Each table had for its center-piece a handsome hand-made cover. Claret punch was served during the games and the dessert course was concluded with wine.

After supper the young men enjoyed a delightful smoke. Mr. William Boger acted as toastmaster and after having made a short talk, called on each one of the honorees who expressed to the host the pleasure they had derived from the night's entertainment.

Mr. Wilson, who is a member of the Senior Class of next year, leaves Saturday night for his home in Mississippi; after two months' stay he will then go North. Mr. Moores, who is also a student in Meharry, leaves the same night for Chicago.

Those present beside the host were Messrs. J. Blaine Boyd, Oscar Wilson, Haven Moores, A. T. Landers, William Boger, D. Wesley Crutcher, Will Davis, Ernest Coles, John Flemings, Geo. O. Boyd, Thomas Ratcliffe and J. O. Battle.

BISHOP TYREE AT COLUMBIA.

On Sunday morning the 10th, Bishop Evans Tyree made his annual visit to Columbia. His coming was looked forward to with interest and expectation. On his arrival to the city he was accompanied by Rev. T. W. Hampton to the home of Prof. J. H. Kelly, from whence he went to St. Paul A. M. E. Church, where a large and enthusiastic Sabbath school greeted him, followed by a large congregation in morning worship, despite a threatening day. From the church he went to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sanders, where he dined sumptuously. In the afternoon and evening he preached to a large audience at Bethel Church for Rev. T. W. Hampton.

On Monday morning he made his annual visit to the pupils of Columbia High School. All the school children knew that in Bishop Tyree they have a friend, counselor and sympathizer and here he is always greeted with cheer and applause.

From the school building he went to dine with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Green, and, indeed, it was a dining. The faculty of the Columbia High School entertained the Bishop at 5

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o'clock luncheon at the home of Prof. and Mrs. J. H. Kelly, Monday evening. From 5 to 7 the faculty, senior grade and members of the clergy of the town were as one happy family. Luncheon was served in the spacious dining room, where the school colors (blue and white) were carried out. As a way of introduction before the toasts, quotations from Negro authors were given. Prof. Kelly, as toastmaster, spoke on "Our Guest," afterwards introducing Rev. S. L. Howard, who spoke, being followed by Presiding Elder Johnson. Before the toasts were over Bishop Tyree had been carried from the little ragged boy in "jeans" to a great bishop and a leader of his race. In pleasing words the Bishop heartily responded to all that had been said. The hour for closing came far too soon at which time all departed, hurrying to find seats among those who composed a vast audience at Bethel Church to hear the Bishop in his final lecture in the city. "Our Boys" was his subject. The two days and nights were well taken and all were the better for having the Bishop here.